



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Sherry Leonard *et al.*

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Entitled: **ALPHA-7 NICOTINIC RECEPTOR**

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 6, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as described herein. A petition for a two month extension of time is enclosed herein. Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. In addition, remarks and arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.